



## ALL SAINTS PARISH

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# FOURTH SUNDAY OF

# Advent



DECEMBER 18, 2022

*Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel,  
which means "God is with us."*

MATTHEW 1:23



Are we there yet? I remember as a child, the cry of that frustrated anthem from the back of the family station wagon headed home from vacation. We are still on the journey.

The spiritual journey of Advent continues on this Fourth Sunday with signs of hope along the way. Last week we celebrated a theme of rejoicing, Gaudete Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent. We remember the joy of the Gospel that nourishes us throughout the week. In paraphrasing Romans 5:8, God shows his love toward us, while we were sinners Christ died for us. In today's selection from Romans 1:6, we read how St. Paul acknowledges that he was "called to be an apostle". We are "called to belong to Jesus Christ by being transformed in holiness through the grace and peace that comes from Jesus resurrection". We are called to be holy.

Holiness happens when we confront and move the roadblocks along the way. John the Baptist prepared his way by warning others to make straight the way of the Lord by making every crooked way straight. This is conversion by which a person turns away from selfish inclination to sin and turns to Christ.

As we turn our attention this week to Christ, the infancy narrative helps us see something remarkable. We know that Jesus was born into a family with Mary and Joseph right there to care for him. Joseph and Mary knew and loved Jesus. They announced his name for Jesus will save his people from their sins. (Matthew 1:20-21)

We take special care to ponder what this means for us, as we gather as family this Sunday. We practice holiness in joyful hope. Although we are not there yet, let us pray this final Advent week for Christ to touch our hearts. We pray that we may be right there with Christ within our hearts, within our families and relationships with others.

This is a busy week for you in your homes and in our parish. I wish to acknowledge all the extra hard work of the volunteers throughout our two locations in planning, decorating and practicing for this beautiful celebration of the Nativity of the Lord. Thanks to our renovation committee and the construction team who worked hard these past several months on the renovation of our St. Isaac Jogues Church. Congratulations!

I'm looking forward to celebrating Mass with you.

"O Come O Come Emmanuel",

Fr. Tom Baldonieri



  
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Upcoming Events

**Sunday** – Fourth Sunday of Advent; RE Family Mass, 10 a.m. at SIJ, refreshments and family formation follow until Noon; Practice for SIJ Nativity Play at Noon after formation; Christmas Flower Collection (SM) and Christmas Flower Donations in alms boxes (SIJ); Christmas Cards for Ministry of Care to distribute due by end of Masses today!

**Week of Dec. 19** – Volunteers are welcome to help with decorating the church at SIJ. Please call Dee Stanton, 847/966-1180 to sign up and give your availability. Thank you!

**Monday** – RE classes

**Tuesday** – Parish Advent Reconciliation Service w/individual confession and absolution, 7 p.m., SIJ

**Wednesday** – No Bible Study; Men’s Club Christmas Celebration, 2 p.m., SM café

**Saturday** – No 7:30 a.m. Mass at SM; No Sacrament of Reconciliation at either site.

**December 24 – 25:** See schedule for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.



**MUSIC MINISTRY**  
 Are you interested in making music with others? Whether it be singing, guitar, percussion or other instruments, the Music Ministry of All Saints Parish would love to have you join us. All are welcome!  
 Contact Brad Whaley at 910-770-1732 or Jennifer McCabe at 773-814-7894



**GREATER  
CHICAGO  
FOOD  
DEPOSITORY**

**FOOD DISTRIBUTION**

This month’s fresh produce distribution will be on Wednesday, December 28<sup>th</sup>, 4 – 6 p.m. in the SIJ parking lot. Check in begins at 3:30 p.m.



Volunteers are appreciated for the following timeframes: 2:45 - 5:15 p.m. or 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. Please remember you need to be in good health, we wear gloves as we work, and to dress appropriately for the weather and for visibility because we will be outside. Contact Dee Stanton at 847/966-1180 or [dstanton@archchicago.org](mailto:dstanton@archchicago.org) or respond via Flocknote. This is wonderful family service opportunity!



## ADVENT PRAYER CORNER

**Sunday** – Light all four candles on your Advent Wreath and say: "O come, O come, Emmanuel." Reread today's Gospel, Matthew 1:18-24. If alone, think of a time when you trusted God and did something He asked of you even though circumstances tempted you not to trust. If with family/friends, share the story with each other and tell them why you did follow what God asked.

(Each day this week light all the of your Advent Wreath or just light a single candle. Take a quiet moment. When ready, make the Sign of the Cross and say this week's prayer – **Spirit of God, you stir our hearts in the Advent Season to awaken us from the spiritual doldrums. You urge us to be alert to the coming of the Lord, whether now or at the end of time. You invite us to embrace our longing for the fullness of a life without end. Enlighten our hearts with your holy wisdom so that we might seek and find you, especially in the needs of the poor. Give us the courage and perseverance to look for the Holy One, who offers us more than the world can ever give. Amen.**

Read the Jesse Tree Scripture for the day and reflect on and/or discuss the day's question.

**Monday:** Zechariah (tablet) – "Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall name him John... And you, child will be called prophet of the Most High...you will prepare his ways..." Luke 1:5-20, 68-79 Do you feel spiritually prepared to welcome Christ on Christmas? If not, stop, be still, reflect, rejoice!

**Tuesday** Mary (lily) – "Nothing is impossible for God...I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Luke 1:26-38 What word has God spoken to you through an "angel", a messenger, that you did your best to follow?

**Wednesday:** Elizabeth (with Mary) – "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Luke 1:39-45 Describe a time when you felt particularly blessed by God this Advent Season and felt He was near.

**Thursday** John the Baptist (shell) – "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the holy Spirit and fire. Mt. 3:1-11 How has this Advent strengthened your Baptism commitment to Christ? To whom have you been John the Baptist, encouraging them to prepare for Jesus' coming? How?

**Friday** Joseph (mallet) – "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary into your home...She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus because he will save his people from their sins." Mt. 1:18-25 Which virtue or quality of St. Joseph do you most admire? How will you imitate him in the new year?

**Saturday** Jesus (manger) – "For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord...Glory to God in the highest..." Luke 2:8-14 Jesus is born for you! What is your song of praise?

**Faith in Action This Week** (Choose at least one of these actions or one you come up with) – Come to the Tuesday night Advent Reconciliation Service to prepare your heart and make way for the Lord, if you have not already celebrated the sacrament this season. Pray for those for whom this Christmas might be a sad, fearful or difficult time. Use some of the blessing prayers below and offer various aspects of your holiday preparations to God. Share some Christmas cookies or treats with a friend or neighbor. Set up your manger, but don't put the Baby Jesus in quite yet! Decide which Mass you'll attend Christmas weekend and in-

## BLESSING OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE

God of Adam and Eve, God of all our ancestors, we praise you for this Christmas tree. It stirs a memory of paradise, and it brings a foretaste of heaven. Send your Son, the flower of the root of Jesse, to restore your good earth to the freshness of Eden. Then every tree of the forest will clap its hands in joy, and all creation will bless you from these shining branches. All glory be yours, now and forever. Amen.



## PRAYER AS YOU PREPARE YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Generous God, thank you for the many gifts you give us, those that can be wrapped in a package and those that can't: our lives and health, our families and friends, creation, experiences, and the simple joys of life. The three Magi brought gifts for your Son, Jesus. You gave the very gift of your Son. As we prepare our gifts to give this Christmas, fill our own hearts with gratitude and generosity. May the people who receive them experience your love through us. Amen.

### From Myra to Morton Grove – the Journey of a Relic of St. Nicholas (cont. from December 11, 2022)

The bone fragments of St. Nicholas were placed in his church on the Lido in 1101. Soon after that, Niccolo, began to become a popular name for Venetians to give their sons. For example, while the famous explorer Marco Polo was named after the patron of the city, his equally-famous explorer-father Niccolo and his mother Nicole, were both named after the patron of its fleet.

In the year 1153, Niccolo Giustiniani, a member of one of the most illustrious Venetian families, became a Benedictine monk at St. Nicholas on the Lido. When in a military expedition of the Venetians in 1172, all the other members of the Giustiniani family perished in the sea near the island of Chios, the Republic of Venice mourned over this disaster to so noble a family as over a public calamity. In order that the entire family might not die out, the Venetian Government sent Baron Morosin and Toma Falier as delegates to Pope Alexander III with the request to dispense Niccolo from his monastic vows. The dispensation was granted, and Nicholas married Anna, the daughter of Doge Michieli, becoming through her the parent of five new lines of his family. Shortly after 1179, he returned to the Monastery of San Niccolo del Lido, having previously founded a convent of St. Blaise for women on the island of Aniano, where his wife took the veil. Niccolo died c. 1240. Both he and his wife died in the odor of sanctity and were venerated by the people, though neither were formally beatified.

One of Niccolo and Anna's sons was the patrician, Filippo Giustinian, *signore delle isole di Ceo e Serivo* (bet. 1170 and 1210, died after 1211). His son was Pantaleone Giustinian (c. 1210-1286). By 1229, he was serving as a clergyman at St. Paterniano in Venice. In 1242, he was transferred to St. Polo Church there. He also served at Santi Maria e Donato on Murano, by which time he was also a Papal chaplain. On February 15, 1253, the Doge of Venice, the Venetian Senate, and Pope Innocent IV chose Pantaleone to be the next Latin Patriarch of Constantinople, after the death of Patriarch Nicola di San Arquato. From the conquest and looting of Constantinople by the Fourth Crusade in 1204 until the city was reconquered by the Byzantine Emperor in 1261, the city was governed by Latin Emperors, and its church was headed by Latin patriarchs. It was agreed by the Latins that the Emperors would be Flemish and the Patriarchs would be Venetian. Pantaleone Giustinian was the last Latin Patriarch to be enthroned in Hagia Sophia Cathedral and to govern until the re-conquest of the city by the Byzantines in 1261.

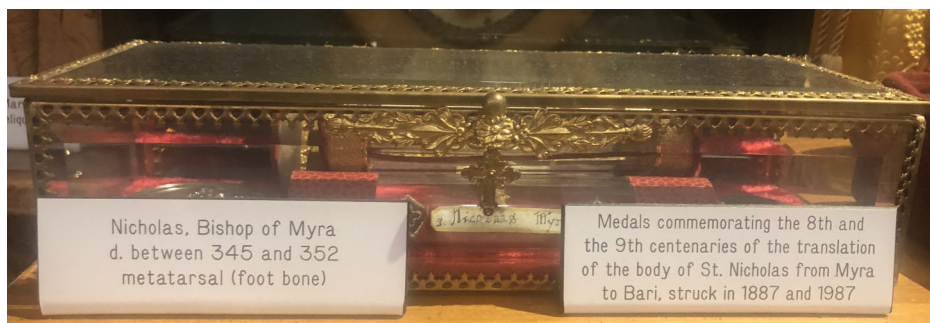
When the Latins departed from Constantinople, they took more loot with them, to add to all the other treasures stolen from the city since 1204. In 1438, the Greek Patriarch of Constantinople Joseph II visited Venice with the Emperor John VIII. He claimed to recognize that some of the enamel icons in the Pala d'Oro (the golden retable behind the tabernacle in San Marco) had come not from St. Sophia Cathedral, as had been supposed, but from the monastery church of Christ Pantokrator in Constantinople, which the Venetians had used as their headquarters during the Latin regime. Many of the treasures of the church came to Venice at the end of that regime in 1261. The Latin Patriarch Pantaleone Giustiniani before he fled gathered up what he could in the way of jewels and valuables, some of which were added to the riches of the Pala d'Oro, (Nichol, Donald M. "Byzantium and Venice" (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1988) p. 184).

The Pope who appointed Pantaleone to be Patriarch, Innocent IV, also convened the First Ecumenical Council of Lyon. Under serious threat from the Emperor Frederick II, travelling with his cardinals, Innocent IV arrived in Lyon on December 2, 1244. Early the next year, the Pope summoned all the bishops and princes to the council. In addition to the constant threat from Emperor Frederick, the council was also meant to deal with: (1) the bad conduct of prelates and the faithful, (2) the insolence of the Saracens, (3) the Schism between the Greek and Latin Churches, and (4) the cruelties of the Tartars in Hungary. Lyon was to remain the seat of Papal government until 1251. The time that the Papal court spent in Lyon made it a familiar and comfortable place for many clergy from around the world.

Among those participating in the Council was the young Teodaldo Visconti. The future Pope Blessed Gregory X. During the First Council of Lyon, Teodaldo was a canon at St. Jean's Cathedral in Leon, site of the Council. He was also a good friend and servant of the Archbishop of Lyon, Philip of Savoy, who heavily relied on his organizational skills to keep things going as smoothly as possible. Teodaldo's experience during this time, both as a canon and as an organizer, no doubt helped him to choose this familiar city as a place for him to hold the Second Council of Lyon when he became pope. Lyon was also a central and fairly secure location. The Second Council of Lyon was opened by Gregory X in 1274. It was one of the most largely attended conciliar assemblies ever, there being present five hundred bishops, sixty abbots, and more than a thousand other prelates. Its main goals were the continuing reform of the Church, the reunion of the Greek and Latin churches, and a new crusade. Among those attending were the Emperor Michael VIII Paleologos (who had reconquered Constantinople in 1261), Greek Patriarch Germanos of Constantinople, and many other Greek clergy. Also present and participating was Latin Patriarch Pantaleone Giustinian.

The whole purpose of this history is to trace the route that the relic of St. Nicholas in Morton Grove, Illinois, took from Myra, to Venice, to Lyon, and ultimately to a Chicago suburb. The Archdiocese of Lyon was consulted in the process. They searched their own records and all their pre-Revolution records, which are now in the National Archives in Lyon. While they could find no specific reference to a relic of St. Nicholas, Chantal Chaussard, the Chancellor of the Lyon diocese, has suggested that the most likely person and situation which would bring such a relic to Lyon was Pope Gregory X and the Second Council of Lyon.

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Pursuing this lead, we come back to Pantaleone Giustinian. He is the most likely person to have brought the relic to Lyon. He grew up in Venice and was about 30 years old when his blessed grandfather, Niccolo Giustiniani, died a monk in St. Nicholas on the Lido Monastery. This would have meant that he was very familiar with the place and that, especially through his family connection and his status as Latin Patriarch of Constantinople, he had access to the relics of St. Nicholas enshrined there. Considering that he was the expelled Latin Patriarch and that he had presided in the Cathedral of Hagia Sophia, his life was a crossroads in the attempt to reunite Eastern and the Western Christendom. It was something desired by most present at the Council in Lyon. The two processional crosses used by the Latin and the Greek representatives are still precious items in the treasury of the Cathedral of Lyon. Since, after the Virgin Mary, Nicholas was the saint most equally beloved of the Greek and the Latin Churches, having a significant relic of him present during the deliberations would have been considered auspicious. In the end, the Latin and Greek Churches did agree to reunite. Alas, when the Emperor and Patriarch Germanos returned to Constantinople with the agreement, the clergy were so outraged at the concessions granted that they rejected it. Pantaleone Giustinian was buried in the Frari Church in Venice when he died in 1286. Bl. Gregory X died in Arezzo, on his way home from the Second Council of Lyon. The relic of St. Nicholas remained in Lyon, somewhere in or near the cathedral complex. On April 29, 1562, after steadily mounting antagonism between the Catholics and the Protestants of Lyon, the Protestants took charge of the city. This resulted in the looting and damaging of several of the churches. Among other things, the images on the façade of the cathedral were chiseled off. And the ancient church of Saint-Just was razed to the ground, in an effort to strengthen the city's defenses. During this time, the treasury of the cathedral was looted. Somehow, the two processional crosses survived. If the relic of St. Nicholas was in the treasury, it survived as well. When the Catholics took the city back in June of 1563, they were outraged at the damage and pollution of their churches.

One of the churches very near the cathedral which also suffered damage was dedicated to Saint-Alban. In 1909, J. B. Martin published a thorough, two-volume history of all the churches and chapels that were in Lyon up to that date. It is called "Histoire des Eglises et Chapelles de Lyon", first published in Lyon by Ancienne Librairie Roux. In Volume II, the article on Saint-Alban Church offers the most likely location for a relic of St. Nicholas. Saint-Alban was a relatively small church, situated just north of the wall of the cloister surrounding Saint-Jean Cathedral. The cloister contained three churches: the Cathedral itself; adjacent to it to the north was the more ancient church and baptistery of Saint-Etienne (St. Stephen); and adjacent to it further north was the ancient church of Sainte-Croix (Holy Cross). Sainte-Croix was the parish church, used by the cathedral canons as their own church. Further to the north, just beyond the cloister wall, was the church of Saint-Alban. And adjacent to the church of Saint-Alban even further to the north was the Palais de Justice (Palace of Justice).

Saint-Alban church is first mentioned in 1137 or 1138, when it was given by Pierre I, Archbishop of Lyon, to Odo I, Abbot of the Monastery of Saint Claude. Presumably because of the damage caused to the church by the Protestants, on September 14, 1574. Abbot Marc de Rye sold the priory of Saint-Alban to Nery de Tourveon, civil and criminal lieutenant general in the headquarters of the seneschal of Lyon, and to his wife, Catherine de Chaponay. The seneschal was the principal officer of the king, in charge of justice. His headquarters was the Palais de Roanne, just across the street from Saint-Alban. From its beginning until the French Revolution, the cathedral canons ministered in Saint-Alban. They presided at Sunday liturgies, prayed the Divine Office, conducted other religious ceremonies, including Holy Week services and solemn Benedictions of the Eucharist. They also taught local children their catechism in the church.

Saint-Alban was also the home church of the Confrerie Saint-Nicolas, also called "of the Palace" or "of the Basoche". It was the guild of lawyers and legal clerks of the court. Besides being considered patron of mariners, St. Nicholas was also patron of lawyers, because he miraculously saved three condemned innocent men from execution and advocated to save the lives of three innocent officers, who had been condemned to death. The earliest record of the Confrerie Saint-Nicolas is in Paris. Their home church was a tenth century chapel built by King Robert II "the Pious" and dedicated to St. Nicholas. It was situated in the Royal Palace, also called the Palace of Justice, on the Ile de la Cite. It was famously the site for the annual reopening of the Parliament of Paris. The members gathered there from the brotherhood of Saint Nicolas, which was both a corporation and a religious order. The elected Chief of this brotherhood, at first called the prior, carried the banner of the order suspended from a pole, or baston, during processions. The banner was decorated with a representation of St. Nicholas or of St. Yves (the other patron saint of lawyers). The head of the guild of lawyers is called the "Batonnier" to this day. An order of October 23, 1274 reorganized lawyers as members of a constituent body in Parliament, bound by professional secrecy. By this time, the St. Nicholas Chapel had been replaced by the Sainte Chapelle, built by St. King Louis IX from 1242 to 1248 as the largest reliquary in the world, a repository for the relics of Christ's Passion he had "rescued" from a Venetian bank for a large fortune. King Charles V moved the royal family from the Ile de la cite to the Louvre Palace between 1360 and 1380. As part of its transformation from a fortress to a palace, the Louvre also had a chapel of St. Nicholas. Saint-Alban was the home church of Lyon's Confrerie Saint-Nicolas probably because it faced the Palais de Roanne and was adjacent to the Palais de Justice, which was immediately to the north. Members attended Mass there every Sunday. On May 19<sup>th</sup>, the feast of Saint-Yves, they had a big celebration in the church. At the end of May or the beginning of June, the whole Confrerie had a procession, which began and ended at Saint-Alban Church and passed throughout the Saint-Jean quarter of the city. It ended with a solemn Mass and sermon, during which everyone was present. By 1754, Saint-Alban Church had become so derelict that its owners obtained permission from Cardinal Pierre Guerin de Tencin to pull it down. The decree granting permission to do so stipulated that religious services would be transferred to the church of Sainte-Croix and that all sacred vessels, reliquaries, and endowments, without exception, were to be moved there as well. This is the only mention of "reliquaries" in the entire two volume history of the churches and chapels of Lyon. A major reason for having processions was so that either the Eucharist or the relic of a particular saint would be carried from place to place, to bring special blessings to those who either participate in or witness it. It is possible that the Morton Grove relic of St. Nicholas was the relic honored by the Confrerie Saint-Nicolas in Lyon during these processions.

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The following items (all non-perishable only) would be helpful to assist those coming to our doors. Please bring your donations to either worship site and thank you for sharing the joy of Christmas with our brothers and sisters in need. For the homeless: small cans of deviled ham; tuna or chicken packets, boxes of crackers, granola bars, individual fruit or applesauce cups, protein drinks, small cans of pork & beans, little hot dogs, hand warmer packets; for food units we pack -- cans of fruit, rice, oatmeal, canned stews, hash, chicken, hams, soups that are like meals, laundry detergent, shampoo, tooth brushes, toothpaste, combs, deodorant (for use by men/women)



**MEN'S CLUB**

All men of the parish are invited and welcome to the Men's Club meeting and Christmas Celebration this Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, at 2:00 p.m. in St. Martha Café.

It'll be a jolly time!



**PRAYER AS YOU SET UP YOUR CRECHE (MANGER)**

Good and gracious God, each year we celebrate the birth of your Son, Jesus, who lived among us as a man, speaking to us with a human voice and loving us with a human and divine heart. As we set up our crèche, may it remind us of just how close you are to us, Jesus. You felt the warmth of your mother's embrace and needed the protection that Joseph could provide. You were announced by angels, but welcomed by poor, ordinary shepherds. Foreigners made a long journey to greet you, following a star. We, too, join this scene, adoring at your manger-bed and thanking you for coming to us. Amen.

**ALL SAINTS MILITARY & 1ST RESPONDERS**

**Army**

- Gale Renner
- Violet Ennis
- Angel Blanco
- Brian Caplin
- Cpl. Kieran Dohr
- Gabriel Nunez
- Jesus Blanco
- Jordan Irving
- Jordan Irving
- Lt. Col. Phillip Logan
- Maj. Daniel Dudek
- Maj. William Durband
- Matthew Wheeler
- Pfc. Ryan O'Sullivan
- PVT. Christian Blanco
- Sgt. Cesar Arroyo
- Spec. 4, Frank Perez Jr

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- ET2 Sean Stieber
- Lt. Cmdr. John Tutweiler
- Lt. Cmdr. Susanne M.
- Connolly Tutweiler
- Midshipman 3rd Class
- Catherine Meehan
- David Perez
- Paul Matthew Ledesma

**Air Force**

- A1C Emmett Berry
- A1C Elizabeth Berry
- Adam R. Hayden
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- Greg Zaleski
- Joseph Koschwanez
- Nash Daoud
- Shane Long

**Illinois National Guard**

- Nathaniel Janzen



## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Alexandra Laquagwa	Laura & Danny Mora	Fr. Bernard Kennedy	David Nuccio
Alison Tolson Lord Garza	Leona Moll	Fr. Dan Fallon	Debbie Prorok
Angelita Basco	Lorna Alba	Frank Beil	Dee Gripman
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Carol Di Simone	Mary Sunshine Ponder	John Reinert	Olivia Tarsney
Carol Mester	Matthew Ponder	John Romano	P. Sullivan
Carol Romanoski	Maureen Koscielniak	Joseph Majeske	Patricia Alexander
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Cornelio Natifidad II	Neila Salamanca Mapi	Rachel Swallow	Tony Livorsi
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Cynthia Melnick	Noel Mc Graw	Richard Malek	Vincente Latada
David Forst	Nona Yoakum	Robert Stephenson	Augustus Joseph Reyes
Sharon Kilikevce	Scott Bryers	Rosina Rozek	Joe Baron

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If it was transferred to the church of Sainte-Croix, which was the church of the cathedral canons, it would have been easy enough for one of them to protect the bone fragment by removing it from its reliquary at the time the churches were being looted during the French Revolution. Because of the extensive damage done at that time, Saint-Etienne Church and its Baptistry were demolished in 1792. Sainte-Croix Church was demolished in 1794. Today, the foundations of the churches and an arch from Sainte-Croix can be explored in the archaeological park north of Saint-Jean Cathedral. The Confrerie Saint-Nicolas disappeared in the French Revolution. Another name for the guild of lawyers was the "Basoche" (from the word for basilica). It too was abolished by the Revolution in a general decree of February 13, 1791. However the Ordre des Avocats still exists. Its honoring of Saint-Nicolas during the Ancien Regime is mentioned in its history, and it is presided over by a Batonnier. There were many relics rescued from destruction during the French Revolution. When churches began to be looted, if there was time to do so, pious people took the bones out of reliquaries and hid them. It was the gold, silver, and jewels that the looters sought. They generally didn't care about the relics themselves, but they would have destroyed them anyway. When all the destruction was over and it was safe to return rescued relics to the Church, they eventually ended up in the hands of the Archbishop of Lyon. Because Lyon is the oldest diocese in France, he is regarded as the French primate. It would have been his responsibility to recertify and redistribute relics to churches who either lost them or desired them. Until such a time as relics were requested, the Archbishop gave their custody to the Poor Clare sisters, who had a convent in Lyon. Because the Confrerie Saint-Nicolas no longer existed, there would have been no one to seek the return of their relic of St. Nicholas on their behalf. So it remained in the convent stock.

In 2004, the Poor Clare sisters closed their convent in Lyon and moved to Crest. At that time, they divided up their stock of not-yet-recertified relics into three portions. The larger two portions were given to other monasteries. What remained they placed in a wooden box and gave to an antiquarian. They had no idea that a Belgian dealer be selling part of their stock on the internet. Because it was apparent from reading inscriptions in the nuns' own handwriting that these relics all came from the same source and that the source was Saint-Claire Convent in Lyon, Fr. Dennis O'Neill began to rescue all of them he could for the Shrine of All Saints at St. Martha of Bethany Church in Morton Grove, Illinois. One of these relics was the bone of St. Nicholas. Fr. Dennis contacted the sisters in Crest recently to tell them what had happened. Sister Marie Claire

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## ALL SAINTS MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, December 17, 2022

4:00 p.m. STM Renaldo Ranola  
Tony Janda

5:00 p.m. SIJ John Kremer  
Jennifer Calma-Zamora

### Sunday, December 18, 2022

7:00 a.m. STM Lucy Rugn

8:00 a.m. SIJ Tony Irmien

9:00 a.m. STM Deceased Members of the Nিকে &  
Ostrowski Families

10:00 a.m. SIJ Living & Deceased Members of All  
Saints Parish  
Agustina Bait  
Purificacion Rodriguez

11:00 a.m. STM Antonio Paat  
Thanks for Good Health

### Monday, December 19, 2022

7:00 a.m. STM Poor Souls

8:00 a.m. SIJ Joe De Sario

### Tuesday, December 20, 2022

7:00 a.m. STM Philip & Phyllis Partipilo  
Patricia Domiano

8:00 a.m. SIJ Elvira Manaloto

### Wednesday, December 21, 2022

7:00 a.m. STM Communion Service – Remy Maceda

8:00 a.m. SIJ John Affatati Jr.  
Eduardo Echavez  
Zefa Lukic

### Thursday, December 22, 2022

7:00 a.m. STM Delores Maggiore  
Maggie Maggiore

8:00 A.M. SIJ Richard Banner

### Friday, December 23, 2022

7:00 a.m. STM Marie Gidlund  
Antonio Paat

8:00 a.m. SIJ MaryAnn Even

### Saturday, December 24, 2022

No 7:30 am Mass on Christmas Eve -  
Intention will be read at 4:00 pm Mass.



## ALL SAINTS PARISH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

**Tuesday, December 20, 2022**

**Advent Reconciliation Service**

St. Isaac Jogues – 7:00 p.m.

**Christmas Eve Saturday,**

**December 24, 2022**

**No Sacrament of Reconciliation at either site.**

**No 7:30 a.m. Mass at St. Martha**

St. Isaac Jogues - 4:00 p.m.

St. Martha - 4:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. large church  
(carols begin at 10:30 p.m.)

**Christmas, Sunday, December 25, 2022**

St. Isaac Jogues - 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

St. Martha - 7:00 a.m. small church &  
10:00 a.m. large church

**Solemnity of Mary – December 31<sup>st</sup> & January 1<sup>st</sup>**

Regular mass schedule at both sites



**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — You will be given this sign: the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel (Isaiah 7:10-14).

**Psalms** — The king of glory shall come in (Psalm 24).

**Second Reading** — God has called us to belong to Jesus Christ (Romans 1:1-7).

**Gospel** — The son born of Mary shall be called Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. He shall be Emmanuel, "God is with us" (Matthew 1:18-24).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a;  
Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;  
Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14;  
Lk 1:57-66

Saturday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;  
Lk 1:67-79

Sunday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27-29;  
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]  
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14;  
Lk 2:1-14  
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7;  
Lk 2:15-20  
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6;  
Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent;  
Hanukkah begins

Wednesday: St. Peter Canisius; Winter begins

Friday: St. John of Kanty

Saturday: The Vigil of Christmas (Christmas Eve)

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**Masses: St. Isaac Jogues Campus**

8149 W. Golf Rd., Niles (847) 967-1060  
Reconciliation - Saturdays, 11AM  
Monday - Friday, 8AM  
Saturday, 5PM  
Sunday, 8AM & 10AM

**St. Martha of Bethany Campus & Shrine of All Saints**

8523 Georgiana Ave., Morton Grove (847) 965-0262  
Reconciliation - Saturdays, 3PM, Large Church  
Daily Mass - Small Church  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 7AM  
Wednesday - Communion Service, 7 AM  
Saturday, 7:30 AM - Small Church  
Saturday, 4:00 PM - Large Church  
Sunday, 7AM - Small Church  
9 AM & 11AM - Large Church

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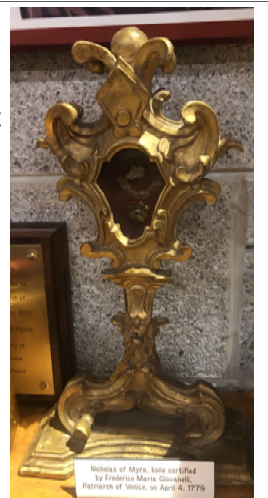
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**Sacrament of Baptism:** Contact the Parish Office as soon as possible for details.

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responded on their behalf on July 7, 2018. She explained how the relics were distributed in 2004 and expressed astonishment that someone had actually sold some of them. On behalf of the sisters, she also expressed delight that they ended up in the Shrine of All Saints. On November 4, 2016, Dr. Georges Kazan of the Oxford University School of Archaeology and the University of Turku and Professor Thomas Higham an Archaeological Scientist and radiocarbon dating specialist and Professor of Archaeological Science at Oxford University visited St. Martha of Bethany/ Shrine of All Saints. They took a sample from the bone of St. Nicholas. On the feast of St. Nicholas, December 6, 2017, New Oxford University released the news that "bones long venerated as relics of the saint do in fact come from the right historical period."

*"Using a micro sample of bone fragment, Professor Tom Higham and Dr. Georges Kazan, the Directors of the Oxford Relics Cluster at Keble College's Advanced Studies Centre, have for the first time tested one of these bones (of St. Nicholas). The radiocarbon dating results pinpoint the relic's age to the fourth century AD – the time that some historians allege that St. Nicholas died (around 343 AD). The results suggest that the bones could in principle be authentic and belong to the saint."*



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